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SECRETARY OF AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION TO SPEAK AT MASSING OF COLORS CEREMONY

RICHMOND, Va. – Brigadier General John "Jack" Nicholson, Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, will be the Keynote Speaker at the 5th Annual Massing of Colors Ceremony to be held at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 S. Belvidere St., Richmond, on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The Military Order of World Wars is a co-sponsor of this event.

Over forty (40) Color Guard units from across the Commonwealth consisting of military, civic, veteran organizations, ROTC and JROTC will parade on the grounds of the Memorial. This event pays tribute to our nation's flag and those who have served it. The ceremony will include special music, a rifle salute and TAPS.

Free, family friendly and open to the public. Seating will be available for spectators.

For more information, please contact Candi Shelton at the Memorial, 804-786-2060, or cshelton@vawarmemorial.org.